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Weather-Partly Cloudy; Colder.

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**ALONG VIST** 

Into Continuous Assaults

Around Lowicz.

Left Behind Are Near

Starvation.

Czenstochowa-Przemysl Cut Off.

Bombardment Is Incessant.

By FREDERICK RENNET.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald, Petrograd, Dec. 13.-Very heavy fight-

twenty-five miles long, extending from

tula, they keep half a million men in

the heat of battle day and night.

The unremitting buffetings

Lowicz Is Abandoned.

Refugees from Czenstochowa say the

position. The first line is four miles dis-

tant from town, the third, with heavy

artillery is in Czenstochowa itself. The

The iron ring around Przemysl is con

and sickness is wasting the garrison.

Rushes Him to Hospital.

The boy was bundled into an auto-

mobile and rushed to the city. By that

time the hand had swollen to twice its

normal size. Doctors say that he will

GETS TWO LICENSES TO WED.

with Original Plans.

which was concealed there, bit him.

solemnized according to schedule.

the fortress have vanished.

lights

felled to provide a clear field of fire.

ing has been reported from the battle

CENT In Washington and Points Suburbus Thereto, ELSEWHERE TWO CENTS.

I. C. C. Decides They Can Add 5 Per Cent to Freight Tariffs.

### WILSON KNOWS OF PLAN

Executive Said to Be Happy Over Solution They Have Reached.

### LANE ALSO FAVORABLE TO IT

The Herald Learns Judgment Will Give Eastern Railways Incomes Which Will Aid Business Generally.

### By JOSEPH P. ANNIN. The Washington Herald presents here with information of a most welcome

Within ten days, probably on Saturday afternoon or evening, the Interstate Commerce Commission will grant the Eastern railroads permission to increase their

rates immediately. This appouncement of victory for the railroads will be withheld with a view to selecting a time when the announce ment will not immediately precede a sea

sion of the stock exchange Decision Has Been Reached. reliable source. The Herald learned yes- that the national defense movement is be-

in the past forty-eight hours. This information has been communihearty approval.

The President has made no secret of terests of justice to the reads and prosperity for the country.

### Will Help Business.

That the decision will have a favorable effect upon business conditions generally and will go a great way toward relieving business uncertainty and un- about looking for a bad smell." locking hoarded wealth, is the expectation of President Wilson and his ad-

While the President has made no at tempt to influence the judgment of the commission, the information which has Foss-Hughes Company's Office Entered test made at this time as they feel the come to him from leading business men throughout the country has convinced him of the justice of the railroads' con-

### Lane Favors Increase.

A strong factor in the forthcoming decision has been the attitude of Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane. Secredown a similar plea for an increase and the Fost-Hughes Company. ordered several lines to change their methods of financing. Mr. Lane's attitude as expressed in that decision was then considered most radical, and as ne the commission, his influence in the cant- night to be doing well. net was expected to be turned against the proposed rate increase.

Secretary Lane, however, does not take the same hostile attitude toward this proposal as he did toward the one upon which he passed two years ago, and recently he has used his influence strongly in favor of a general increase. In recent talks with members of the commission Mr. Lane pointed out changes in the railroad world in the last two years which, together with altered economic conditions, urged his support of the proposed increase.

### M'ADOO "HUNGRY-LOOKING." Bankhead Impatient When Secre

Senator Bankhead, of Alabama, in hurry to see Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo Saturday, walked into the Secretary's outer office and inquired of Private Secretary Cooksey if Mr. McAdoo

tary Goes to Lunch.

"Step right into the Secretary's private office," said Mr. Cooksey. "I am expecting him to return from lunch any moment.

"I don't know about that," replied the "When any man so hungry looking as Secretary McAdoo goes out to eat, there is no telling when he will return."

### TRIPLE TRAGEDY OVER DOG. Pennsylvania Man Shoots Wife

Landlady and Kills Self. Harrisburg, Pa. Dec. 13.-As the result of a family quarrel over a poodle dog George E. Throne shot and mortally wounded his wife, Beulah, and Mrs. Recert Fortney, his landlady, and turned the revolver against his heart and killed him

The women are dying. Three bullets passed through Mrs. Throne's right lung. Mrs. Throne who had not lived with her husband for a month went to his boarding house and demanded the dog. This led to the tragedr.

## CARRANZA WIRES BRYAN

Dispatch Not Yet Deciphered, Says Secretary of State-Aredondo Succeeds Zubaran as Head of Junta. Secretary Bryan announced last night

that the reply of Carranza to the demand of the United States that he use his authority to stop firing across the line at

Whether it contains the statement reported from Vera Cruz, that he will regard firing across the line by United States forces as an unfriendly act is not yet known here, as Secretary Bryan said the dispatch had not been deciphered LOOK FOR EARLY VOTE VITAL QUESTION TODAY and would not be given out last night. Unofficial advices from Naco indicate that Hill and Maytorens, the opposing Requisite Two-thirds for Con-Filibuster Would Cause Postcommanders at Naco, are blaming each other for the firing across the line which

has resulted in fifty-one casulaties among

esidents and soldiers in Naco.

Rafael Zubaran Capmany, who for Carranta agency in Washington, has been secretary of the interior in the Carranna government. He will be succeeded as Washington agent by Eliseo Aredondo. Mr. Aredondo declared that Zubaran's transfer was a promotion and denied that his predecessor was being summoned home under any charges whatsoever, or that he would be asked to explain an Christmas present in store for American been given to United States Senators.

### LEAGUE RAPS CRITICS OF NATIONAL DEFENSE of leaders in Congress.

Navy Men Retort to Charge that the Movement Is Inspired

by Business. The executive committee of the board From what is considered an absolutely issued a statement in reply to charges on suffrage. Commerce Commission, the last obstruct- signed by Robert Thompson, Beekman ing opposition having been removed with- Winthrop, Charles A. Fowler, Walter R.

Addicks, and Frank J. Symmes. Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler is quoted those behind this movement had a busi-Eastern roads for permission to increase League points out that Dr. Butler failed campaign. their rates abould be granted in the in- to produce evidence to support his "cowert innuendoes insinuating evil motives. "Dr. Charles E. Jefferson, author of similar charges is described by the league as the "well-endowed and unctious peace laborer subsidized by the multiarmor-plate millionaires, who goeth

### YEGGS STEAL \$107.25 AFTER FORCING SAFE

Yesterday Morning-Sylvester Would Stop Robberies.

tention. Thousands of business men Yeggmen sometime early yesterday the other hand, was responsible for a atives Gillette, Bartholdt, Butler, Greene, doned by the population. The few have declared a reasonable increase in morning forced open the door of the safe serious split in the suffrage ranks. Morerates for the Eastern railroads would of Foss-Hughes Company, automobile over, the record vote on the Bristow- who have always alligned themselves in of starvation. There is almost a comresult in an immediate return to pros- dealers, 1220 Connecticut avenue north- Mondell resolution will show them just favor of the existing financial arrange- plete lack of fuel. wrench and jimmy.

Maj. Sylvester, stirred by the many against the suffrage movement. hold-ups and robberies during the last tary Lane, while a member of the Inter- few weeks, is personally directing his state Commerce Commission two years detectives, and two men have been asago, wrote the decision which turned signed to work on the latest robbery of McLeod and Mrs. Little were out hunt-examine the facts as published by Con-

### Thomas F. Ryan Better.

the financier 858 Fifth whose saddle horse fell on him in Cen-

Opposition by Suffragists in Next Campaign.

stitutional Amendment Not Probable.

November Fight and Welcome Test.

That the action of the House Rules Committee Saturday in favorably report-

It is hoped that by permitting of directors of the Navy League has gardless of candidates individual views Following that, the committee will arise

terday that the final decision has been ing supported and fostered by war munt- be taken before Christmas, will permit abolishing the half-and-half plan, which aggressive efforts in the operations in made and recorded by the Interstate tion manufacturers. The statement is each Democratic member who favors the was tacked on Saturday, and either or fense in the next campaign. Moreover, as the party leaders

cated to the President, it is understood, in the statement as having charged have given their followers an opportunity and the decision is said to meet with his that national defense agitation "might to express their views, and, supposedly, be traced to a single inspiring source; the views of their respective constituencies, the blanket oppositon will be furhis belief that the application of the ness interest in its success." The Navy ther stultified if attempted in the next

Requisite Vote Not Likely. Of course the leaders do not expect the resolution to receive the requisite twothirds vote in the House. Except for member from States which have granted woman suffrage, few Democrats are expected to vote for it. But other Democrats will be able to take the strong po sition that the constitutional amendment would be an invasion of States' rights and a clear violation of a fundamental

principle of the Democratic party, Suffrage leaders are happy to have the safe was broken off by use of a heavy opposition, and just what States present the strongest and the weakest froms

Woman Shoots and Kills Wolf. Nashwauk, Minn., Dec. 13.-While Mrs. ing for partridges Mrs. McLeod spied a wolf. Having a rifle she took aim and brought down the animal. The bounty New York, Dec. 13.-Thomas F. Ryan, on wolves is \$10, and as the pelt, which avenue, is a good one, is worth from \$3 to \$4, Mrs. was considered the strongest member of tral Park last Friday, was reported to- McLeod was well paid for her marksman-

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# SNAP JUDGMENT ALLIES REPEL TWO ATTACKS; NOT FAIR TO THE DISTRICT

Naco, Aris. had just been received. Expect Cessation of Blanket Many of Its Friends Will Be Absent Attending Payne Funeral.

ponement of Decisive Action.

### many months has been the head of the WOMEN'S LEADERS ARE GLAD TRUST CONGRESS AS A WHOLE

recalled to Vera Crus to take the post of Feel They Did Not Gain Prestige in Henry B. F. Macfarland Declares Pub lished Facts Only Argument Necessary to Defeat Amendment.

Unless a vote is postponed by agreement, or an all-day fillbuster develops in ing a rule requiring a record vote on bound up in proposed amendments to the House today, the vital questions alleged expenditure of \$75,000 said to have the resolution proposing a constitutional the District bill may be brought to amendment enfranchising women, will vote with many of the District's staunchemove, in large part, a thorn from the est supporters absent at the funeral of side of the Democratic party, is the hope Representative Sereno Payne in Auburn N. Y.

The program in the House for today the involves a vote in committee of the whole question to come to a vote in the House on two vicious amendments offered by the party will be relieved from the Representative Johnson, and an amendblanket opposition which it met in the ment to be offered by Representative fall campaign when all Democratic can- Page appropriating for a thorough-going didates were opposed by the women reand report to the House, when a record The record vote which probably will vote will be taken on the Johnson rider proposed amendment to record himself, both of the two riders to be proposed tothus offering a strong weapon of de- day-on taxing intangible personal property and the other raising the basis for will taxation from a two-thirds to full value

order unless obstructionary tactics, de- alight bodies of reserves are being held throughout Germany. signed to delay a record vote on vital in their rear. amendments, are adopted by the District. It is believed that this effort is not in buster easily could be organized and carried out, through insistence on the con- sion of charges up to point-blank range stant attendance of a quorum, and a is explained here as intended to delay ment. large number of amendments to be of- the Russian central army from advancing fered and debated under the five-minute westward.

good friends of the District in the New tinue to accept from the Russian cen-York delegation, which will attend the tral army can also be traced to Gen. ed by Speaker Clark, will include such fore the great army of new conscripts for at least a month. members as Representatives Mann, Coop- joins the Russian field force. course pursued last fall in attacking all er, Talbott, Mondell and Moore, all of Democrats because they were Demo- whom have been particularly active in west, and stole \$107.25. The lock of the what members they have to deal with in ment between the District and Congress.

Can Trust Congress. Henry B. F. Macfarland, in comment-

ing upon the probable action, says: "We can safely trust the wisdom and justice of Congress as a whole. All we ask is that every member of both Houses gress. They are the all-sufficient argument for the present arrangement.

"We believe it will not be changed at this session. If it ever is changed it ought to be only after thorough and impartial inquiry, and to substitute some better provision for the nation's city, according to the nation's desire for its development, physically and morally."

### MUTE UNTIL 14, SPEAKS.

Child Can Pronounce Own Name After Surgical Operation.

San Francisco, Dec. 13.-In the Misthere is a little girl fourteen years old who spoke her name, Rose Traina, for was able to articulate as a result of life of George Razce, an eighteen-yearwhat is termed by medical men as the old Yucaipa boy, when he was bitten by California for many years.

V. Saph, of San Jose, became interested in little Rose, who had never been able bastily made a tourniquet, and bound it army." to utter a sound. The operation was around the right wrist. performed a month ago and is said to be without precedent in surgical science. A bone pressure on the left side of the head was discovered and remedied. Two days later the child cried, a week later she learned her first word, and then she spoke her name.

The surgeons say the child will gain perfect control of her speech. Her vocabulary consists of about twenty words and she is being taught as a babe. Dr. Gerlach believes he has performed a unique operation, because he can find no record of a restoration of speech in any case that was a parallel to that of Rose Trains.

### GOES 5,000 MILES TO WED.

Sitka, Alaska, Dec. 13.-Miss Alice M. Crombie, twenty-nine, of Continentalville, near Cold Spring, N. Y., after Johnston contributed his second \$2 martraveling 5,000 miles was married n Sitka today to William C. Brundage thirty-one, formerly of Garnerville, now a mining engineer in Alaska.

The bride-elect was accompanied as far as Buffalo by her mother, but made the ceremony being performed in San Austin, of the Gary postoffice, brought the rest of the long journey alone.

Brundage first met his bride, then a stenographer, in cold Spring, four years the Yolo County clerk in case of an temperance cause has been gaining ever the two-headed reptile to town and he the Yolo County clerk in case of an temperance cause has been gaining ever the two-headed reptile to town and he the Yolo County clerk in case of an temperance cause has been gaining ever the two-headed reptile to town and he the Yolo County clerk in case of an temperance cause has been gaining ever the two-headed reptile to town and he the two-headed reptile to town and he the Yolo County clerk in case of an temperance cause has been gaining ever the two-headed reptile to town and he the Yolo County clerk in case of an temperance cause has been gaining ever the two-headed reptile to town and he the Yolo County clerk in case of an temperance cause has been gaining ever the two-headed reptile to town and he the Yolo County clerk in case of an temperance cause has been gaining ever the two-headed reptile to town and he temperance cause has been gaining ever the two-headed reptile to town and he the Yolo County clerk in case of an temperance cause has been gaining ever the two-headed reptile to town and he the Yolo County clerk in case of an temperance cause has been gaining ever the two-headed reptile to town and he the Yolo County clerk in case of an temperance cause has been gaining ever the two-headed reptile to town and he the Yolo County clerk in case of an temperance cause has been gaining ever the two-headed reptile to town and the two-headed reptile to town and he two-headed reptile to town and the two-headed reptile to town and

### DRESDEN FINDS REFUGE IN ARGENTINE HARBOR

Victorious British Fleet Consisted of Two Superdreadnoughts and Six Cruisers, Says Commander. Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

officially by the German consul at Punta Arenas that the Dresden arrived there 500,000 Germans Are Hurled today. The commander of the German cruiser declared that the German squadron, of which four ships were sunk in the battle off Faikland Islands, was engaged by two British super-dreadnoughts CITY ITSELF ABANDONED and six cruisers.

Buenos Aires, Dec. 13.-It is announce

The consul states that the Dresden was Population Flees and the Few indamaged. Her commander declared that he left the rest of the fleet still fighting in obedience to a signal made to him by the flagship to run for it, but later intercepted a wireless from the British fleet which stated that the Gneisent to the bottom. Heavy Defenses Constructed Around

Nothing has been learned definitely of the identity of the British vessels, nor is there any confirmation of the reported presence of the Japanese squadron either on the Atlantic or on the Pacific

### PHYSICIANS WANT KAISER TO GO UNDER THE KNIFE

front in Poland today. The Germans are throwing their utmost endeavor into their Throat Seriously Affected and Operation Is Advised-Condition the region of Lowicz, where, on a front

Grave, London Hears. Glovno, northward to Hovo on the Vis-London, Dec. 13.-An Express dispatch rom Copenhagen says pessimistic reports They have thrown practically every committee can be gone through in rapid Aerial reconnoissances show that only his condition is causing grave alarm

to prevent information regarding the na. gained slightly. friends in the committee. Such a first tended as a serious renewal of the at-

Aside from the absence of a number of Gen. von Mackensen's columns con- throat that an operation will be neces- by the French. sary. Army authorities have been in-Payne funeral in a body, the official von Hindenburg's imperative desire for to return to the front before Christmas took front trenches. They held them for force of their columns against the Gerrepresentation from the House, designat- a big success in a pitched battle be- and that the doctors advise a quiet life only a few hours, however, for by mans, driving them to the north and com-

It is said the emperor's illness is not retook them shortly after midnight. dangerous, but he is very refractory and far more concerned about the progress of According to a telegram from Warcrats did not gain them prestige, and, on behalf of the District, and Represent- saw, Lowicz is almost entirely abanthe war than his own condition. He greater strength than anywhere else portion of the general plan of two closeto the eastern army headquarters

The crown prince recently arrived in Berlin secretly and visited his father,

### Germans there have constructed a triple GERMANS PREPARE FOR INVASION OF ENGLAND

woods in the neighborhood have all been Zeppelins Practice Bomb Dropping with Warships as Targets-Do Not Fear British Fleet.

stantly being drawn tigther. Starvation Rotterdam, Dec. 12.-A correspondent Many of the soldiers, who are without who has just arrived from Berlin says they have guarded against most carewinter clothing, are suffering severely that he is convinced-as every one in fully. from the intense cold. Russian heavy Germany is convinced-that an invasion artillery continues the bombardment in- of England is to be attempted. In his cessantly. The forts are kept under con- opinion the cruisers which recently apstant observation by means of search- peared off Yarmouth were merely ascertaining whether such a feat was feasible During the first siege the Austrians To the suggestion that a fleet of transfrequently made sorties, now such sal- ports would be at the mercy of the Britlies are rare. All hopes of the relief of ish battleships and cruisers, he replied that the German view on the question of whether it would be possible to devise NECKTIE AND AUTO SAVE BOY. scheme which would keep such ves sion San Jose Orphanage in San Jose Former Used for Tourniquet, Latter sels out of the way was that an escorof submarines would be wholly com-Redlands, Cal, Dec. 13.-A polka dot petent if aided by Zeppelins, which lately the first time in her life recently. She necktie and a fast automobile saved the have been engaged in practice against warships as a target.

most remarkable operation performed in a rattlesnake. Razee killed the snake one in Germany doubts. The Germans who were entrenched only thirty when the fangs were still fastened in the remark that things will soon be easier Dr. F. C. Gerlach, assisted by Dr. L. flesh of his index finger. His father on the western frostier. The Germans snatched the polka dot tie from his neck have absolutely no fear of the Russian

### MULE GETS A BATH; KICKS. Owner Gets Tap on Chin from

Jenny's Hoofs for Trouble.

recover. Young Razee had taken hold mule of Philip Accardo, a peddler, No. of a bale of hay to lift it, and the snake, is a question that is puzzling the owner "vive Le President." of the animal, who is nursing a wounded Fenred Business Might Interfere chin as a result of getting it into too close contact with the animal's heels Woodland, Cal., Dec. 13.-To make certain that there would be no possible hitch stable in the rear of his residence and with a howl of derision.

in the arrangements, Charles F. Johnston, was giving the finishing touches of the

local garage man, obtained a marriage bath to one of the mule's hind legs when

license in Woodland recently to wed the animal apparently became peeved

Joan R. Erringer, a Williams girl, al- and kicked its owner on the chin. The though the couple had originally planued mule's bath was not completed. to be married in San Francisco. Later Snake Drives Town Dry. Gary, Ill., Dec. 13.-Topers who looked

riage certificate fee to the county clerk of San Francisco, and the wedding was at a two-headed rattlesnake owned by V. It is supposed that the two feared wagon." V. B. Austin, of Kalamazoo, business affairs might possibly prevent Mich., who is visiting his brother, Merrill Francisco, and so obtained a license from the two-headed reptile to town and he 14, 1814, Mr. Wohl came to America an

# AROUND YPRES

GERMANS HAMMER NIGHT AND

DAY AT CZAR'S POLISH FRONT

Both Armies, Massed in Great British on Ypres Salient and Strength, Fight from Trench to Trench.

Hold Own.

Character of Fighting Pre- Paris Claims Successes in cludes Any Sudden, Decisive Action.

German Artillery Stronger on Flanders Joffre's Troops Lend Efforts to Cut Lines Than at Any Other Section of Front.

By WILLIAM RIDSDALE. pecial Cable to The Washington Herald. Dunkirk, Dec. 12.-Fighting of an ex- checked in two attacks on the extreme seedingly desperate character which ends of the battle front today,

may prove the early stages of one of the greatest battles of the war has been against the British forces holding the taking place during the latter portion of salient extending eastward from Ypres. the week along the line east of Ypres The other was directed against the railand Armentierres.

regarding the health of the Kaiser have for both sides seem to realize the been brought by travellers from Bertin, strategic importance of the ground which The part of the bill now unread by the man available onto the fighting line. It is stated that his illness is serious and lies between the Yser and the Lys. Success has attended both the Ger- the British lines in the north, resulted mans and the French in turn, but on in failure. Elaborate precautions have been taken the whole the French, in places, have

> censor, according to these informants it is considered that the Germans on told of success of the French arms will sanction only news of his improve- Thursday attacked in everwheiming force over the Kalser's forces in the forest of time after time. Their movement was Le Pretre. The battle has been raging Basic, Dec. 13-According to private in-concentrated on the line of trenches not in that section for several days, with formation from Berlin the Kaiser's chest far from the village of Dichebusch, the French steadily advancing, in spite trouble has so seriously affected his which was not particularly strongly held of the determined resistance of the Ger-

> Finally the Germans by sheer weight formed that the emperor will not be able of number overwhelmed the French and On Saturday the French threw the full converging on three points, the French pelling them to evacuate some rather

Artillery Is Strong. Here about the German artillery is in

such tremendous pains to pave with c'n- for the continuation of the march toward crete trenches the way of their retreat. Metz. The airmen report line upon line of Supplementing the official statement is German trenches. As the allies advance, a report received in a dispatch from these trenches are stubbornly defended. Geneva yesterday, which says: treat, for full retreat is the very thing a number of German trenches.

In the semicircle of slaughter around Ypres the trenches of the allies and of the enemy are extraordinarily close together. This means an immense strain on the men who, for hours together, are cramped in unnatural positions knowing from experience that it is unwise to move for fear of a bullet from some crack marksman. There is among the enemy a fair proportion of men whose aim is quick and disagreeably accurate.

Shoot Hat Full of Holes. Of course, under the circumstances, abuse and badinage is continually going

One French soldier told me the story "That Germany will win," he says, "no of a practical joke they played on the yards away.

> One bright spirit among the Frenchmer was lecturing the enemy and running oratorical rings around them. "Hola Bosches" he cried "your Katser

very brave, isn't he? He wears an ron cross, but does not come into the trenches. Tomorow Poincaire our president will visit us-he doesn't wear an New Orleans, Dec. 12.-Whether the iron cros, but he isn't afraid."

On the following day the Germans saw 288 Chippewa street, objects to a Sun- a top hat bobbing up and bowing alons of Indianapolis required to go on a docuday bath or did not care to be disturbed the French trench and loud cries of

Time after time they riddled the too hat with bullets, but it still went bobbing along until the French took it off the Accardo was washing the mule in its spade handle and threw it into the air

### AT 100, HE TANGOES.

Cigars Are Aid to Longevity. New York, Dec. 13.-Copious draughts of beer and five cigars a day produce longevity, according to Moses Wohl, who celebrated his one hundredth birthday B. Austin hastily boarded the "water anniversary her today. Mr. Wohl also believes in dancing. He tangoed with his daughter, Mrs. Henry Lowenstein. Born in Muklin, Bohemia, December

# ON ALLIES' LINES

French at Aspach

## PROGRESS IS VERY SLOW BATTLE IN A FOREST

Fighting in the Woods of Le Pretre.

TEUTONS HAVE TRIPLE POSITION senau, Scharnhorst and Leipzig had been RIVAL TROOPS HURL INSULTS TRY TO ISOLATE TEUTON CORPS

Off Kaiser's Forces at St. Mihiel. Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Paris, Dec. 13.-The Germans were

Most pronounced was the onslaught The allies and the enemy face each hausen, which the French captured on other in immense forces in this district, the Friday. The desperate efforts of the

made public in the official statements is-This is particularly noteworthy when sued from the war office during the day

sition, like their attempt to break through

Try to Isolate Germans. important positions,

in the forest of Le Pretre forms a vital Progress of the ailies undoubtedly is the German army corps at St. Mihiel slow because the Germans have taken and the other the gain of vantage points

and it is going to be a long, weary and "The French have taken the offensive bloody business. You, who sometimes in Alsace and are marching on Altkirch. complain of the absence of decisive vic- They have seized the villages of Bisel, tories, may have to wait a long time Largitzen, Hirtzebac and Carspach, while yet before the Germans are in full re- near Pfetterhaven they have captured

> Saturday Quiet Day. Delayed reports from the corps com-

manders all along the battle front indicate that Saturday was particularly quiet as compared with the preceding days. Intermittent cannonading was the only evidence of activity on the part of the Germans, with the exception of that division of their forces which is facing Ypres. Here three desperate infantry assaults were attempted, supported by a heavy are from their field artillery, but each of them was met and repulsed by the British defenders. Several attacks have been directed by the Germans against the post of La Merchenri, northwest of Senoc, which the Kaiser's troops particularly covet because of its excellent command of the French supporting positions, but each time have been buried back.

### GET A \$500 REVENUE STAMP.

Special One Issued for Indianapolis Company's Document.

Indianapolis, Dec. 13.-Federal authorities here, on authorization from the Internal Revenue Bureau at Washington, have obtained a single \$500 revenue stamp, which the Lyons-Atlas Company, ment connected with the expansion of the company's business. The local chief deputy informed the company that the largest revenue stamp they had was for E. At this rate it would have taken 200 stamps for the document which wound have necessitated greatly enlarging the

To meet the exigencies the local chief Wohl Also Believes Beer and deputy, William H. Smith, took the matter up with Washington with the resutt that tomorow it will be delivered.

Honor Vera Cruz Defenders. Vera Cruz, Dec. 12.-The parade today

in memory of the Mexicans who fell during the American occupation was peaceful. No voices were raised against the United States or its citizens. Every place of business except the

restaurants was closed. The tramway service is still suspended.